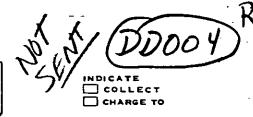
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<b>AM</b> B SCI	1. Embassy understands that military junta delegates have fired
POL FAS	significant numbers of personnel at both the National Institute
ECOM POL/R	for Industrial Technology (INTI) and the National Institute for
USIS CHRON	Agricultural Technology (INTA). Also, there have been some
	arrested in both organizations.
	2. At INTA, we understand some 180 have been fired out of 6000
	employees, countrywide. We have no rpt no firm figure on number
	arrested, but believe is is of order of magnitude of twenty (20).
	Arrests, we understand, were principally at Castelar and probably
٠	include some connected with Economy Dept. and Graduate School.
	3. COMMENT: Firings and arrests, we believe, based on GOA
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indicating history of agitation and/or

(leftist) extremism, Dept. will recall that, particularly in INTA, there was an anti-American vendetta during Campora presidency which resulted in considerable difficulty for researchers with history of ties to U.S. Situation now appears to be largely reversed, and it is the anti-Americans and leftist extremists who are being sacked. We would not rpt not be surprised, however, if mistakes were made in some boderline Thus, while general thrust of current cleanout will improve U.S.-Argentine collaboration possibilities, there may HOSONA AMONG ARG. STISNALTS AFFER REMAINING HOSTILIALIS HOSTILIALIS

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information identifying individuals as leftist extremists. of corruption have been made in these cases. Dept will recall that in Campora and Juan Peron eras therexxex extreme leftist was appointed head of INTA and there followed an anti-US vendetta which resulted in firings and threats against those with US connections or sympaties. While the leadership of INTA has changed and it has become make less unwilling to work with US, a substantial amount of hostility remained among staff, which was widely known among Argentine colleagues as of predominantly leftist sympathies. Given the history of persecution of and the institute's repitation, staff members associated with US/ it would not be surprising if some old scores are being settled by denunciations to military. Undoubtedly some of the practices , as in the last, in removing staff members in this instance/have been arbitrary.

4. Embassy will continue to follow these and similar cases to test the sincerity of GOA's expressed concern for human rights. Its track record in the first two weeks has been an an intermediate improvement over the revious government.

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one 40 ant of 300 employees have been fired, one instance of an arrest at 1NTI. Other firings are expected.

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